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Dear Angie and those who didn't write,

Hope all the pictures you took came out as well as those you sent! The prints are fine. Thanks also for getting those with so nice a finish.

Your letter came Wednesday. Lil was with me when I picked it up at the post office. She read it while I was driving her to her office. She intended to answer, but she's been having a rough week, so I do while she tries to take a nap.

Most people who go to tax services this time of the year are in some kind of trouble. Generally, they bring it on themselves. But they take it out on others. Meaning Lil. This has been worse the past few days. And she can't spit in their eyes, so she doesn't get any of it out.

The past couple of years she has been reacting to insect stings. We don't know what kind, xcept one kind of fly. The difference between the bugs is how much she swell and how lousy she feels. She went down to work in the garden a bit after supper last night, got stung or rather bitten, because she generally doesn't feel the varmints. The anti-histamine held the discomfort pretty well but she swelled some, right alongside the left eye. She went out this morning because she enjoys working in the garden. This time I made her take her clothes off and I sprayed her thoroughly with a repellant. That worked for today, but she forgot to take the antihistamines. By after supper she was feeling so lousy that she went out to get in the pool, put one foot in, and changed her mind. Very unusual for her. I'll keep track of the anti-histamines and soon she'll be over it.

Otherwise we are both well, thanks. hope you all are and that the kids are having a good summer. (We enjoyed them!)

It is easy to get hooked on The Watergate. I am, too, but for a different reason. I've had no word from the German publisher, but I'm working away anyway. Makes a long day. But I get some writing done, get to take a good walk for exercise the mornings Lil doesn't work, try to keep up with the weeds and grass (losing battle), and still make slow but steady progress. Except that Nixon was a perpetual bugger (I knew he was a constitutional one, for he has been all his life) and a perpetual wire-tapper, there have been no real surprises for me.

Al will be interested in knowing that I got the galley proofs to Hunt's book on the Bay of Pigs. It is a punk job, in every way. Not worth buying when it comes out in Nov. But it has been helpful to me and to my understanding of him. I had him size up right, but this gives details and proofs.

I wouldn't have taken Executive Action from Al when he was here if I thought he didn't mean it when he said he didn't want it. Someone else had promised it to me. So, I wrote and told him not to send his when he finished. That also, in every way, is a stinker. If it made no pretense of being true to fact, I'd not care much. But this kind of rubbish destroys everyone's credibility. I know where he cribbed everything. The movie will be much more professional because a top man did the script. So, for this reason and because more people see movies, it can spread more misinformation.

You mention weeds. Tonight Lil said that when she goes down to the garden again she it taking the pruners with her, to cut the tall ragweeds that are shading so much. She has done most of the work in it. I just haven't been able to get to it. So, the weeds have taken over, except where she is working the rows.

Thanks for the invitation. I know from experience how much you mean it. If Al has to go to work while the broadcast of Watergate is till on, your local National Public Radio station undoubtedly is broadcasting it. Lil gets them when she is working that way. It may require a portable FM set, if you don't have one. It may not work in the ~~farmin~~ subway, but it will everywhere else. Our thanks for your thoughtfulness and our best.